

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the amendment that creates a standalone Economic Development Department while consolidating youth, senior, and workforce programs into the new Community Investment Department. For months, the business community has been deeply concerned that full consolidation would dilute the City's economic development capacity. This amendment takes a more strategic approach. A standalone Economic Development Department will preserve the core functions that businesses rely on: small business services, commercial corridor support, real estate development tools, and policies that drive economic growth. This structure aligns with best practices in other major cities and matches the direction taken by Los Angeles County when it created its Department of Economic Opportunity. I urge the Committee to adopt this amendment and ensure Los Angeles strengthens—rather than weakens—its long-term economic competitiveness. Thank you for considering this input.